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To whom it may concern,

I have watched the case against Microsoft and believe the actions to date to be an atrocity of justice. The actions taken against Microsoft have been of questionable substance and lacking a justified agenda. The negative affects on the technology sector and the de-valuation of one of America's greatest assets "Microsoft" has been hard to justify. Microsoft has influenced the growth of the computer and compute environments more than any company in history. Many companies and manufacturers have benefited from the open development and utility of the Windows operating system and Microsoft certifications. The continued attack on Microsoft is un-productive and a challenge to the innovative spirit and freedom to grow that is typified by American business.

The marketplace has demanded close integration of OS and functionality. Integration of form and function is not a wrong doing and Microsoft should be commended for all they have accomplished and brought to America's technical dominance. UNIX manufacturers have been imbedding programs in the OS for years; MacOS contains many imbedded functions. Microsoft has done nothing wrong and has acted responsibly to meet the needs of the market and the installed base of PC users/manufacturers. Microsoft is strong because they develop superior products in response to demand. They must be allowed to continue pushing the envelop and to have the freedom to innovate.

The States which have failed to support the DOJ decision are wrong. It is wrong for AOL/Time Warner and Netscape to pursue or be permitted to pursue continued challenges against Microsoft. There is not value in the pursuit, only further devaluation of a great company and the harm to many investors and the technology industry as a whole.

AOL and MSN both offer messaging. AOL, Compuserve, ATT and other services are offered as part of the Online services load of Windows 98, ME, 2000 and XP systems. The users have complete freedom to select ISP, Browser, and email client. The fact that Explorer, Outlook express, and MSN are options to the OS load is perfectly acceptable. These are also superior applications.

Please take action to prevent further legal challenge and wasted energy to defend Microsoft's freedom to innovate. The DOJ has decided; lets get on with re-building the US economy and re-vitalizing the technology sector of this great country.

Regards,

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